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¶1. (C) The Embassy delivered the points in reftel on the importance of recognizing Kosovo via a letter from the Ambassador to Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov. Given the GOAJ's foreign policy focus on the conflict over the status of Nagorno-Karabakh and its concerns about Kosovo being a precedent for the resolution of separatist conflicts, Azerbaijan is unlikely to recognize Kosovo in the near future. However, the Embassy will follow up on the letter with the MFA and continue to raise the issue as necessary.

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